

### **REMARKS**

Entry of the submitted amendments to the claims 8 and 29, and reconsideration of the subject application in light of the submitted amendments, is respectfully requested.

The currently pending claims of the subject application are directed to methods for real-time online search processing, in which search requests constructed using vendor site search form URLs are submitted directly to identified vendor sites. For example, independent claims 8 and 29 include the steps, among others, of accessing or maintaining a database having vendor descriptions for a plurality of vendors and which includes a "search form URL" for each of the plurality of vendors, descriptions of domains found in the vendor sites, and rules about how information is organized on each of the vendor sites. The methods also include the step of constructing or processing a search or comparison request using, *inter alia*, the information maintained in the database which includes the search form URLs, and submitting the constructed search request directly to identified vendors. Also included is the step of extracting from information received from identified vendor sites, information in the native language of the site.

The proposed amendments to claims 8 and 29 add the feature that constructed search requests using the identified vendors' search form URLs are submitted directly to identified vendors. Support for these amendments is found through the subject application, for example at paragraphs 126 to 129 of the published subject application.

In the Official Action of September 6, 2005, the Examiner has relied upon Lunenfeld, and an excerpt from "How the Internet Works," page 167, to reject the claims under 35 USC 102(e). For example, on page 3 of the Official Action, the Examiner points to column 7, lines 34-45, column 24, line 21, and a description of a PS server starting at column 42, line 10, in support of Lunenfeld. Applicant respectfully submits that while the cited passages describe what information the Lunenfeld system gathers, they do not describe how the information is gathered, other than through the described

use of existing searching services. For example, as pointed out in the Applicant's previous amendment of June 23, 2005, as Lunenfeld is understood, and as illustrated by Lunenfeld's Figs. 50A-50K, for example, Lunenfeld's disclosed system and method uses searching services such as AltaVista.com (Fig. 50G) or WebCrawler.com (Fig. 50D) or Lycos.com (Fig. 50J) to run searches. In turn, each of those search engines operating in their own particular unspecified fashion, searches various sites and returns a list of hits with descriptions and links, including URLs for the hits, which are then presented to the user in the forms described and set forth in Lunenfeld's Figures 27A-52C. To obtain more information, it is believed that the user is required to click on the provided links, and manually follow the links to the ultimate point of interest for each of the sites.

In contrast, amended claims 8 and 29 of the subject application recite that information is obtained from vendor sites by submitting search requests, which include search form URLs for the vendor sites, directly to the identified vendor sites. It is respectfully submitted that the cited references do not teach, suggest or make obvious such a direct submission of search requests to the vendor sites including use of the vendors' search form URL. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 8 and 29 are allowable over the cited references, and that claims 9-28 and 30-35, as dependent from allowable base claims, are also allowable.

**Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance, and the Examiner's indication thereof is respectfully requested.

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